

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP FY22 BUDGET WORK SESSION HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING AGENDA

MONDAY May 10, 2021 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Mayor Shelby Wright
Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Christine Cubberley
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Allen Esposito

Paula Scott, Town Manager
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director
Christian Bailey, Public Safety Director
Jason Lundstrom, Deputy Fire Chief
Scott Webber, Deputy Police Chief
Victor Smith, Public Works Director

- 1. Call to Order Deputy Mayor Jarvi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. **Discussion on sewer rates** Discussed that the expenses in the sewer department are exceeding revenues at a much to great of a rate. This year's sewer budget increase is 22.92%. Town Manager is looking to have a discussion on raising the sewer rates to account for not only what we have currently for debt service but what we anticipate coming on the line next year. Recommendation of a 35% increase with no capital charge. Consensus is to put on a Council Agenda to discuss the proposed rate increases. The Town Manager will set a public hearing date and advertise.
- 3. Review of Town Manager FY22 Budget
 - a. **Public Safety** referred as presented.
 - b. **Police** referred as presented.
 - c. **Fire** referred as presented.
 - d. IT (includes GIS Mapping) referred as presented.
 - e. **Assessor** Discussed the need for updating property assessment cards with pictures and sketches of the properties and scanning the cards to our Trio Software and Website. Concern over possibly spending money

on work that may have to be duplicated during a revaluation. Consensus is to move forward with additional \$15,000.00 added to budget to start the updates discussed with a caveat to do research with potential revaluation contractors to find out information on the procedure.

- f. **Planning** referred as presented.
- g. **Economic Development** referred as presented.

At the conclusion of the Agenda Items Mayor Wright briefed Council on the public hearings had on two Bills presented on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The NRCM characterized all of the resolutions of support as being in support of their specific piece of Legislation. She would like to send a letter to the Environment Natural Resources Committee on behalf of Council and let them know that we were mischaracterized and we did not support a specific piece of legislation. Concensus is to put on next Council Agenda for a vote.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk /s/

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